(b) if so, the precise proposals mooted and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) One of the decisions taken at the Chief Ministers' Conference held on 8-2-2003 was that the states will strengthen and streamline special branches of their police forces and make full use of the intelligence apparatus at the Central level so as to facilitate greater coordination between the Centre and the States in the field of counter terrorism.

Setting up of Coastal Commissionerate in Maharashtra

3477. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA :

DR. AKHILESH DAS :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to set up Coastal Commissionerate for management of its 784 Kms. coastal international border ;

(b) if so, the broad features and functions of the Commissionerate; and the Central Government aid sought therefor; and

(c) whether such Coastal Commissionerates are also proposed to be set up in the other coastal States for management of the coastal borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

Capacity of jails

†3478. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH :

SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the capacity of each central prison in the various states and the names of prisons out of them presently having the prisoners beyond the capacity thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.